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Jonathan Chicquette Mayor

Spring is a time of new beginnings, fresh starts, growth, hope and community. It is because of the people of Normandy Park that this city will flourish and thrive.

I am honored to have so many residents contact me and asking questions—some easy and some not so easy. It is in each one of these encounters that I am further inspired by the commitment and readiness to embrace change as needed to be the destination we admire. After all, a better tomorrow for all starts with a dedicated few today.

Of course, we are not all the same. We think, act and vote with individuality. This coming July, ballots for the August 2nd Levy Lid Lift election will arrive. This crucial vote will determine the level of Police Department support we will have going forward.

We are fortunate to have skilled individuals who get involved and strengthen this community. We better ourselves by being responsible individuals, kind neighbors, and honest citizens and for this, I am truly grateful. It takes a tremendous amount of focus and dedication to make a city stable and comfortable for all of its citizens. Normandy Park residents are faithful in their pursuit to ensure a better way of living. That is what makes our city so spectacular.

What is next? Our economic development strategies are on the minds of the Council and staff as we take a strategic long view of how to grow in smart, sensible and sustainable ways. Several things can be done now that will allow for improvements along the road to revenue growth. One of the first and most necessary steps is looking at our current zoning along First Avenue South. To do this conservatively—allocating necessary resources—the planning commission is reviewing some of the current zoning matters inside of the Manhattan Village Subarea Plan.

We are making great strides in revitalizing our home, Normandy Park. With the continued support of the community, the potential for responsible and sustainable growth is achievable.



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NEIGHBORS



John Rankin Councilmember

ONE OF THE THINGS THAT SETS NORMANDY PARK APART from our surrounding cities is the high percentage of home ownership, which gives real stability to our neighborhood. Given that houses near you are most likely owned by the

residents, that make neighbors, particularly good neighbors, important in the continued enjoyment of our homes. But I have a confession to make: I've been a bad neighbor.

No, not intentionally, but mostly because I didn't think of my neighbors before I did something. One instance that comes immediately to mind was the time I was trying to be a responsible steward of my property by spraying my fruit trees on a nice calm day. Problem was, it was a Saturday, and my neighbor Joe was barbequing in his back yard. He called me up and gave me a well-deserved earful about my inconsiderate actions, and he was right to do so.

Other times that I've been a bad neighbor are mostly too embarrassing to go into here. But nearly every one of them has been because I was only thinking about myself, and what I wanted. A couple of weeks ago, when Alaska Maintenance turned the back end of a jet toward my house and did a half hour long, full-power run-up at 6:30 on Saturday morning, I thought, "what a crappy neighbor the Port is! They could build a 'hush house' and save us all from events like this, but they just don't care enough to do it."

And that's really the point. The difference between a good neighbor and a bad neighbor is mostly how much they temper what *they* want with what their neighbors might want. We have a few notorious bad neighbors here in Normandy Park—some are thoughtlessly selfish, and others selfishly thoughtless.

One of the most egregious of the selfish category is on the northwest corner of S 218th and 3rd Ave S., a street end where parking space is at a premium. There, the owner has taken 12' of city right of way, gated and fenced it off and put his sport court on it and a hedge around it. That's our property, and his neighbors need it, but he doesn't care. Nice neighbor.

A couple of other, more visible neighbors are vying for who can be the most selfishly thoughtless. In one corner, wearing the overgrown grass and cars parked all over the lawn, is the multi-plex at the north end of the city where the black BMW in the front yard and mossy Ford Fiesta (which haven't moved in years) and other assorted trash make it a top contender for most thoughtless neighbor.

In the other corner, wearing the tattered tan and brown tarps, is the champion, where the old blue Mustang and BMW up on blocks sit, covered by blackberries and now partially concealed by a large boat on a trailer, all in the front yard setback on the corner of SW 184th and 1st Ave S. He's the champ because not only has he been able to keep those broken-down cars there on our front doorstep for the better part of 20 years, he's busily adding to the melange by filling his back yard (also on the street frontage), with all sorts of treasures that he just can't bear to get rid of.

Over two years ago, as I was leaving elected office (for the last time, I hoped), I put together a CD for a presentation at the council meeting I titled "Normandy Park Junkyard." It was a picture by picture display of a whole lot of our thoughtless or selfish neighbors, who just didn't care about what *their* neighbors might want. If you remember, at the top of this piece, I made the assertion that this is the difference between a good neighbor and a bad neighbor. Some of you reading this might *think* you are a good neighbor, but if you walk out to the street and see what your neighbors see, that picture might change.

Much like Joe, calling me to tell me I was being a *really* bad neighbor, we sometimes need someone to stand up and tell us: "Hey, you're being a bad neighbor!" If someone does that, don't jump to the conclusion that they're being a jerk before you take a dispassionate look at what they're complaining about. They might be right, and you might be *that guy*.

Good neighbors (and good neighborhoods) are built home by home. Our actions as individuals are far more powerful, and more important than anything we can do at the city government level.

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MONTHLY MEETING CALENDAR

Arts Commission 1st Tuesday, 7pm

Council Meeting 2nd Tuesday, 7pm

Metropolitan Parks District 2nd Tuesday, 6:30pm (if necessary)

Council Study Session 4th Tuesday, 7pm (if necessary)

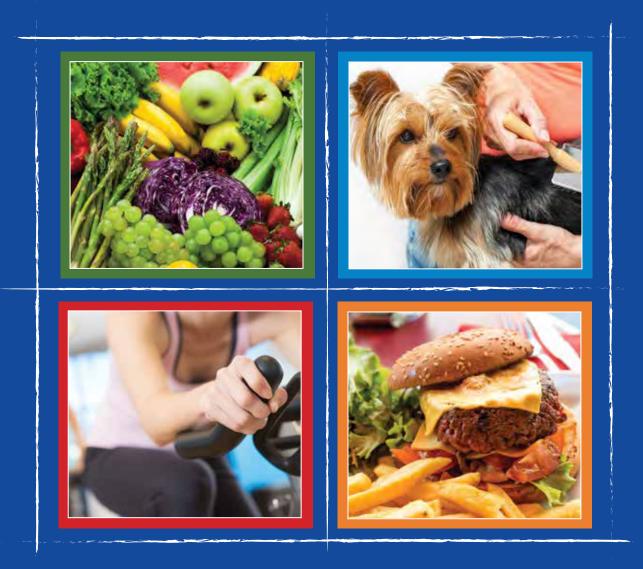
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Park Commission 3rd Wednesday, 7pm

Planning Commission 3rd Thursday, 7pm

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Levy Lid Lift

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The additional taxes will also provide limited funds to the street maintenance budget to repair pot holes and resurface roads.

Normandy Park residents have another opportunity to determine the quality of police and street departments.

What's the bottom line? About \$11 more per month for a home valuation of \$500,000.



RESTORED CITY SERVICES FUNDED BY LEVY LID LIFT SUPPORT:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- 2 officers, 1 records clerk
- 10-hr shifts vs 12 hrs to increase visibility and safety of officers
- House checks, bike patrol, walking patrol
- Reduced response times
- Enhanced case follow up
- Broaden training of officers beyond minimal training

STREET DEPARTMENT

- Visible stree signage
- · Pothole repair
- · Minor street repair
- · Sidewalk repair

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ENOTICE!

By Debbie Burke, City Clerk

Mayor Chicquette has assisted the city in updating the e-notice platform with the use of the Campaign Monitor software. With his extensive background in



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Frequently Asked Questions on Levy Lid Lift

Why has another Levy Lid Lift been put on the ballot? State law caps property tax (general fund revenue)

increases at 1% annually. Cost of City services increase yearly by more than the 1% limit, which prevents property taxes from keeping up with inflation.

Why wasn't the Levy Lid Lift in 2012 enough?

The Levy Lid Lift brought in just over \$258,000 in 2013 or \$243,662 more than the 1% limit. Subsequent to 2013, the City is limited to the 1% growth in property tax revenues, thereby reducing the City's Levy rate below the statutory maximum of \$1.60 as home values increase. The current rate is \$1.33 per \$1,000 assessed valuation (AV).

How much am I currently paying to the City? What will the Levy Lid Lift cost me if the levy passes?

Residents are paying about \$1.33 for every \$1,000 of assessed property value, which would increase by \$0.27, for a total rate of \$1.60. A home with a \$500,000 AV would generate \$800. This is about \$135 more annually or approximately \$11 more per month.

Where are my property tax dollars going?

Only \$0.10 of every dollar a property owner pays in property taxes goes to the City. A property with an AV of \$500,000 costs a homeowner \$6,673, of which only \$667 goes to Normandy Park.

What will happen if the levy doesn't pass?

Possible effects include continued staff reductions in police services and/or reduced service levels in street funding.

Will Normandy Park be okay if the levy passes?

With property taxes limited at 1% annual increases, and the cost of city services expected to increase by more than 3%, Normandy Park will continue to request support from the community for a Levy Lid lift every 3-4 years, just like fire and school districts, in order to continue normal operations.

Are we the only City facing this problem?

No. Many other Washington cities that rely on property tax require levy lid lifts to continue normal operations. MRSC has a list of cities who have requested Levy Lid Lifts. http://mrsc.org/elections-levy.aspx#resultslevy

For more information, contact Finance Director, Jennifer Ferrer-Santa Ines at jenniferf@ci.normandy-park.wa.us or by calling (206) 248-8251.

Transportation Improvement Plan

by David Nemens, Principal Planner

IN JUNE, THE CITY COUNCIL is scheduled to adopt an updated Six-year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). The TIP lists and describes the street, roadway, sidewalk, and bikeway projects that the City hopes to build over the next six years. The TIP also describes how the City plans to pay for these projects. Anticipated funding sources, such as federal and state grants and other funds, are specified for each project, as are planned contributions from City and local funds.

State law requires every city to prepare an updated TIP each year. State law also requires that the City Council hold one or more public hearings before adopting each year's updated TIP. The public hearing for the 2016 TIP is tentatively scheduled for June 14, 2016, at Normandy Park City Hall. When the date and time for the public hearing have been finalized, the City will publish notice in the Westside Weekly, will post notice on the City's website, and will notify all those who have signed up for the City's e-Notice service.

Last year's TIP included projects such as the construction of low-impact storm drainage improvements on Normandy Road between 1st Avenue S and 4th Avenue S, and the modern day chip seal paving of streets in the Manhattan View neighborhood (looks like pavement). These projects are in the planning stages, and should be under construction soon.

Questions about the 2016 Six-year Transportation Improvement Plan should be directed to Amanda León, Community Development Director, at amandal@ci.normandypark.wa.us.

Volunteers in City Hall

You may recall during a recent Council Meeting that Highline Schools Superintendent and resident Susan Enfield provided a presentation. In her presentation, she mentioned the new 'Learning Through Interests' mentoring program. As it turned out, the Highline Schools Career Readiness



Coordinator and resident, Nancy Pappas, visited the Leadership Team at city hall to introduce the program to staff. After a few visits from students to city hall, a Big Picture High School Freshman, **NICHOLAS KLEIN**, expressed interest in a volunteer internship with the City Clerk. Nicholas is spending ten hours each week in the office performing a variety of duties, including observing staff, miscellaneous office tasks, permits data entry, human resource filing, as well as watching recorded meetings and attending daytime meetings. His project while here is to focus on a public speaking report and to meet all of the program competency requirements. Nicholas lives in Burien and has one older brother who has started his own career in computer technology. When Nicholas is not at school or volunteering for the city, he enjoys playing bass guitar and playing video games, and his favorite game is Monster Hunter 4. Thanks for all your help, Nicholas!

We were also very recently contacted by a resident, **ELEANOR HURSLEY**, a retired primary school teacher who started her career with Highline Schools and ended in Tacoma Schools. Eleanor works in the office 8–9 hours every week providing assistance to many departments by filing, scanning, and learning the permits data entry from Nicholas and Permit Technician Kari Dreisbach. Prior to retirement, Eleanor's hobbies included camping and cooking. Her present hobbies include book club, church, gardening, sketching, water color and acrylic painting. She has two boys, one whom she lives with in Normandy Park and another who lives in Portland, OR. She has two grandchildren ages 17 and 13, who live with her son in Oregon. Thanks for all your help, Eleanor!



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The King County Crisis Clinic recently rolled out a couple of website widget options for local agencies and government organizations which we have placed on the City of Normandy Park Local Agency Links page that is hyperlinked from the homepage in the left margin.

The selected topics are based on things people call 2-1-1 about as well as searches that were already popular on the online database.





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- · To register online, you will need:
- A current Washington State driver license, or
- A current Washington State ID card If you do not have either of these, you can still register by mail or in-person.

BY MAIL - pick up a form at Normandy Park City Hall or Download and print a voter registration form.

IN PERSON -

- Renton: King County Elections
 Office
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 Voter Registration Annex
- At one of the King County Elections community events.



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Police Chief Gaddis Resigns

THIS NEWS WILL COME AS A SURPRISE to most of you, as of April 30th Chris Gaddis resigned his position of Chief of Police for the City of Normandy Park. He accepted a job outside of Law Enforcement that began on May 2nd. This is an amazing opportunity for Chris to begin a new career and he could not pass at this chance.

Chris says he will always have fond memories of Normandy Park as having spent half of his life patrolling her streets. He has had more opportunities here than he would have had at any other police department. Over his career he has participated in homicide investigations, spent nine years as a Narcotics K-9 Handler, and spent four years as Chief of Police for a department that he feels is the most talented and professional group of Law Enforcement professionals in the State of Washington.

Chris would like to thank the citizens of Normandy Park for their support throughout his entire career. This has never been as evident as the recent fundraising campaign by the Save Our Police Committee, and all the wonderful citizens and business owners who donated

their hard earned dollars to save Detective Jeremy Hedrick's position. This has been a National story line and is truly inspiring for the remaining and future members of the police department.

Chris is confident he is leaving Normandy Park in a position to be successful. They say you should leave a place better than you found it. He feels with the improvements that have been made: new Dispatch Center and Records Management System to name a few, Normandy Park Police are on the road to a successful future.

Chris says that Normandy Park is a special place and the citizens and visitors are lucky to have such a dedicated staff. He would like to personally thank the employees of the police department for their hard work and dedication, especially over the last four years. These employees are working harder, under more arduous conditions than ever before. He would also like to thank the City staff for their support.

Sergeant Brian Sommer will be the Interim Police Chief during the hiring process for a new Police Chief.



Thanks!



Detective Hedrick's Last Day

After the failure of the Levy Lid Lift in 2015, Detective Jeremy Hedrick was notified for the second time in his career at Normandy Park, that he would be losing his job as a result of lack of funding. Even though there would eventually be funding for his position through April, 2017, as a result of the Metropolitan Parks District Pilot Program and the outstanding citizen effort by the Save Our Police Committee (and all those citizens who donated), Detective Hedrick felt it was time to test for another agency. This was an effort to provide a more secure future for his family. The testing began in November of 2015 and concluded in April. Jeremy's last day with Normandy Park was April 22nd, and he began his new career for the City of Puyallup on April 25th.

Jeremy started his career as a Reserve Police Officer for Normandy Park in 2008 and was subsequently hired full-time in 2010. While a full-time officer, Detective
Hedrick was assigned as the lead investigator for
the Homicide investigation in 2014. He successfully
wrapped up this case in December of 2015 with a
guilty verdict for the person responsible for the
murder. Jeremy made it his personal mission to try
to track down every person who committed a crime
in Normandy Park. Jeremy ended his career as one
of the most productive Detectives we have ever
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Agencies Major Crimes Task Force after only one year

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- Even if your dog is under voice control, don't allow your animal to approach other animals or humans when off leash. While your animal might be very friendly, the other person does not know this and may not appreciate your dog coming up to greet them.
- Don't allow your animal to jump or lean against someone without first confirming they wish to receive attention from your dog.
- If you are advised that someone does not like animals make sure you are sensitive to their concerns and adjust your actions accordingly.

Pedestrians:

- If you are not a fan of animals, tell the approaching dog owner of your concerns.
- Understand your behavior may illicit a response from an animal. For example, if you are approaching a dog and as you get near it you lift your arms up towards your chest (for your protection), the dog may see this as an invitation to stand on you. This does not make the dog's actions right; you might want to avoid the dog all together if you are concerned.
- If you are a runner or a bicyclist, you may wish to give dogs, even on leash, extra room so they are more comfortable and do not feel threatened.

Both dog owners and non-dog owners alike, must take personal responsibility to coexist in Normandy Park. If we can all understand the concerns each other has, there will not be as many negative occurrences between people and pets.



RADAR TRAILER

The Normandy Park Police Department just received a donation of a used Radar Trailer from the Mercer Island Police Department. Mercer Island, a member of the Coalition of Small Police Agencies in King County, recently purchased a new speed trailer. They were aware that our program had to end, because the speed measuring unit was no longer working. Chief Ed Holmes worked with their Finance Department and they were able to donate the unit at no cost to Normandy Park. The unit will soon be in service after we remove the Mercer Island decals and transfer the title. Thank you Mercer Island for this donation. These partnerships allow us to provide a higher level of service to the community at reduced costs.

RESIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION HUB MEETING

On April 9th, the Residential Communication Hub (RCH) kick-off meeting happened at Nist Park. This was the first meeting to introduce the program to a neighborhood. We had several citizens in attendance and we were able to sign up multiple volunteers. From this point forward we will begin to put together a list of equipment needed to efficiently run the RCH's during times of disaster. We will also look at expanding this program to other locations throughout Normandy Park. While we are still in the early stages of this program, the outlook is very promising that the RCH's will be a very productive way for citizens and the City to communicate during an emergency or disaster.



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Normandy Park Police and King County Sheriff's Office Contract Police

BY MARK HOPPEN, CITY MANAGER

SOME PEOPLE ASSERT that the City of Normandy Park could have more cost-effective police service with equivalent King County contract police services. To explore this belief, here is a comparison of Normandy Park police service and cities with King County Sheriff's Office contracts. The comparison looks at operational costs, population served per officer, and area covered per officer. Des Moines is also included, which like Normandy Park has its own service.

Please note, in order to make an apples-to-apples comparison this study does not include costs for jail, indigent defense, prosecution and animal control, all of which King County contracts do not provide. Moreover, this comparison considers overall operational costs. All of Normandy Park's indirect costs for police operations are included. This comparison looks at full-time police officers and detectives who provide regular police service, including lead officers like sergeants, captains and police chiefs.

Data are taken from current city budgets, County Assessor city population counts, and from city area calculations in publicly available documents.

Considering overall dollars expended per jurisdiction for police service, it appears the City of Normandy Park could not receive more cost-effective service with the King County Sheriff's Office.







Cost Comparison of Police Programs - All King County Contract Cities plus Normandy Park and Des Moines *non King County Contract City

City	Population (King County Assessor)	Sq. Miles	Full Time Commissioned Officers ¹	Police Budget 2016 ²	Officer Cost in 1000s per Police Budget 2016 (Rank)	Officers per Square Mile (Rank)	Population per Officer (Rank)	Total Rank Score ^s
Normandy Park*	6,446	2.52	9	\$1.884m	209.3 (1)	3.57 (5)	716 (2)	8
Sammamish	61,264	18.47	29	\$6.4m	220.7 (2)	1.57 (11)	2113 (12)	25
Newcastle	11,058	4.46	9	\$2.12m	235.6 (3)	2.10 (10)	1229 (8)	21
SeaTac	27,819	10.21	39	\$9.389m	240.7 (4)	3.83 (4)	713 (1)	9
Shoreline	54,213	11.7	53	\$12.897m	243.3 (5)	4.53 (2)	1023 (5)	12
Woodinville	10,977	5.62	13	\$3.236m	248.9 (6)	2.31 (8)	844 (3)	17
Covington	18,351	5.96	15	\$3.799m	253.3 (7)	2.52 (7)	1223 (7)	21
Kenmore	21,515	6.3	14	\$3.691m	263.6 (8)	2.22 (9)	1537 (10)	27
Burien	49,254	10.0	40.8	\$11.121m	272.6 (9)	4.08 (3)	1207 (6)	18
Maple Valley	24,842	5.6	17	\$4.818m	283.4 (10)	3.04 (6)	1380 (9)	25
Des Moines*	30,597	6.3	30	\$8.56m	285.3 (11)	4.76 (1)	1020 (4)	16
Carnation	1,790	1.18	13	\$.488m	488 (12)	0.84 (12)	1790 (11)4	35

- 1. Includes lead commissioned officers, such as Chief of Police; excludes CSOs, school officers, etc.
- 2. Cost estimates exclude indigent defense, prosecution, jail time and animal control.
- 3. Two officers may be called in on-demand from other patrols.
- 4. Covers only an 8 hour shift.
- 5. Adds rank () for officer cost, officers per square mile, and population per officer.



Dear Normandy Park Police Supporters,

Thank you for your support! We have met our initial fundraising goal and are halting our fundraising campaign. We are very grateful to the over 200 families and businesses that donated.

- -All funds are being used to help retain police positions
- -Check our web site for updates and more details: supportnormandyparkpolice.com

Our police force expresses its gratitude. Working together and supporting our community makes Normandy Park a great place to live!

Sincerely,
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Friends of Normandy Park Foundation

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Salmon-Friendly Gardening BUILD HEALTHY SOIL

by Elissa Ostergaard, Miller-Walker Basin Steward

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- Make and use compost whether you purchase a great mound of compost to spread around your yard or make compost yourself, compost enriches the soil, providing natural food for plants. Compost is made by breaking down plant materials until they turn into soil—compost made from yard waste, chicken or steer manure, or in a worm bin will be especially rich.
- Mulch your beds use mulch, such as wood chips from a tree removal company, to keep down weeds and improve soil health. Wood chips take a long time to break down, so you can also use them on garden paths.
- Rake leaves into flower beds leaves from trees will break down in about a year and make the soil healthier! Needles from evergreen trees are acidic, and are better on garden paths.
- Make a worm bin for healthy compost for vegetable gardens - if you make your own compost from kitchen scraps, you can use it on your vegetable garden and feel confident knowing exactly what is in it.



■ Use organic fertilizers. These support healthy soils.

See the Natural Yard Care web site to learn more about building healthy soil, and find plans to make your own worm bin: www.naturalyardcare.info

Other things you can do:

- Plant right for your site know your yard, and use plants that are suited for the conditions. Will the plant be in shade or sun? Is the soil moist or dry? Group plants that need less water in the same area to keep them all happy and make watering easier.
- Water deeply, infrequently, and not when it rains.
- Find alternatives to pesticides. Consider baking soda for killing moss, instead of moss killers that contain heavy metals like copper and zinc that are toxic to bugs and fish.

With Natural Yard Care, you can enjoy a beautiful yard and also help our local salmon and orcas. Rain picks up chemicals and pollutants and carries them straight into our streams and into Puget Sound. By reducing the chemicals we use on our yards, we not only save money, but we make our local environment cleaner and healthier.

For gardening questions, call the King County Garden Hotline at (206) 633-0224. For information about Miller and Walker Creeks and restoration, contact the Miller-Walker Basin Steward at (206) 477-4792 or elissa. ostergaard@kingcounty.gov.

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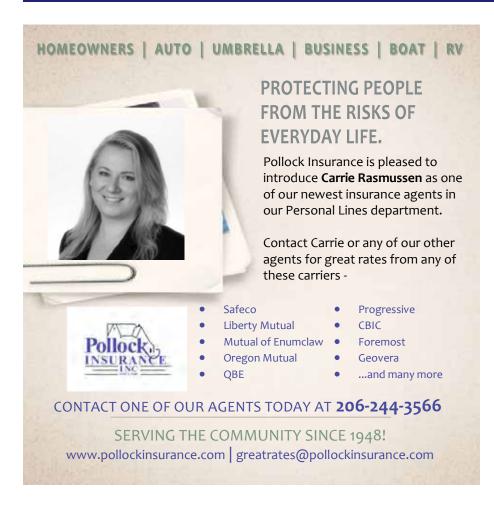






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Volunteering Opportunities in the Parks 2016

Volunteering is one of the easiest ways to meet your friends and neighbors in Normandy Park. The Parks Commission has Volunteer Opportunities scheduled for 2016:

- Nist Memorial Dedication and Tree Planting, Saturday, June 4th, at 10am.
- Miller Walker Stewardship
 Workdays, Saturday's from
 9:30 to noon: September 17th,
 October 15th, November 5th, and
 December 3rd.
- Ivy Pull at Marine View Park-Saturday, **October 1st**, 9am to 1 pm.
- Fall for your Park, Bulb and shrub planting at Brittany Park and Wilson Park-Saturday, October 29th, 9am to noon.

As always, we ask that you bring your friends & family, as well as shovels and gloves. We'll provide some light refreshments!

For more information please contact Amanda León at (206)248-8257 or amandal@ci.normandy-park.wa.us.







NIST PARK MEMORIAL DEDICATION Saturday, June 4th at 10 am. Hosted by the Parks Commission

Emmet J. Nist donated the property to the city in 2003. Please join friends, family, and the community in celebrating Nist Park and Emmet J. Nist with a dedication and tree planting. Light refreshments will be served.



EDC and Friends of Normandy Park Seek Funding Ideas

Each year, the City of Normandy Park Economic Development Committee (EDC) organizes fun community events such as Winterfest and Zombie Fest. The EDC teams up with numerous generous businesses in the area for sponsorship, which the Friends of Normandy Park Foundation (FONP), a 501(c)(3), helps manage. THANK YOU SPONSORS!

While the EDC takes a frugal approach on budgeting for these events, it still costs a pretty penny to rent tents and to pay for live music, decorations, shuttle service, lighting and other equipment and supplies. With that said, the EDC and FONP are looking for additional ways to fund Winterfest, ZombieFest and hopefully more great events and programs in the future. One possibility is grants which the FONP is now seeking. Please wish them luck!

If you know of grants that could help pay for equipment, advertising and event operations, please let us know. Or, if you have grant writing experience, we could use your help!

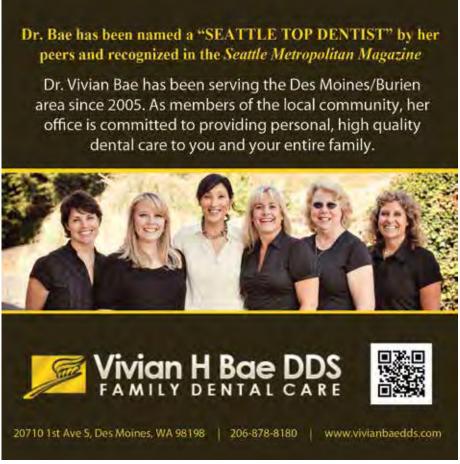
Can you think of other fundraising ideas for the FONP and EDC? We are researching dinner auctions and other fundraising efforts, but we could really use the help of volunteers to make that happen. If you have experience organizing fundraising events or programs, please let us know ASAP. Or if you don't, join us anyway. We are a fun group of residents and business leaders who want to bring wonderful festivals and events to Normandy Park.

Contact Susan West or Patti Gifford to share your fundraising ideas and/or to offer your organizing expertise:

Susan West: Susan.West@ci.normandy-park.wa.us or 206-818-6945

Patti Gifford: pattigifford2@gmail.com or 206-227-4848







Farmers Market

Opening Day June 4th 10am–2pm

The Des Moines Waterfront Farmers Markets opening day is Saturday June 4th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will feature over 10 food trucks. The Saturday market runs from June thru September this year.

Once again, during the months of July and August, the Market and the Des Moines Arts Commission join to bring you Sunset Markets every Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Patrons can shop, have dinner at the food trucks and then walk a short distance into the Beach Park for the Arts Commission's Free Music in the Park series. The Sunset Market is at the North end of the marina parking lot. Shuttle service will also be available.

The Market and King Conservation District are also bringing back by popular demand the Healthy Eating Initiative for qualified seniors in our area. Last season the program issued over \$10,000 worth of vouchers. Once individuals sign up they will receive a \$10 voucher for purchase of fruits and vegetables. Also included in the program is free door to door pickup service provided every other week by the Hyde Shuttle from Senior Services of King County. Just call 206-727-6262 for pick up.



OBLITERIDE 2016

The bike ride fundraiser consisting of an estimated 225 participants will be riding through Normandy Park again this summer!

RIDE INFO

Date: Sunday, August 14th
Location: From Tacoma to Seattle, via the cities of
Federal Way, Des Moines, Normandy Park, and Burien
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Music in the Park 2016

Brought to you by the Normandy Park Arts Commission in conjunction with the Normandy Park Parks Commission.

For over 20 years, the Arts Commission has been bringing music, dance and performance to Marvista Park on Sunday afternoons during the summer. This six-week long concert series has been a staple of summer around these parts, bringing some top name ensembles to the community. These concerts are a great way to get together with your neighbors and see some fantastic entertainment while enjoying the beauty of one of our many fabulous parks.

2016 will be a summer of talent, fun, neighbors, and waffles, as our schedule is almost full! We have a couple of special events on our schedule, including Shakespeare in the Park and Quack Attack!

Normandy Perk Day Changing Coffee will be providing iced tea and our local Starbucks will be providing iced coffee (while supplies last). We are excited to be hosting Waffle Good, offering sweet and savory waffles, as a food vendor at our concerts this summer. The Arts Commission will also have interactive kid's arts and crafts.

You can get a complete schedule at the 4th of July Parade. Look for our Arts Commissioners in the parade route and at the Cove after the parade.

2016 SUMMER LINEUP

Shakespeare in the Park brought to you by GreenStage Theatre
Bakelite 78, Early 20 th century Gothic Americana
Ockham's Razor, Hard stompin' Celtic Rock
Scott Cossu, Classical and Jazz Piano ensemble
To be announced
Quack Attack! A celebration of music, art, parks and conservation. A family concert brought to us by the King County Library System, as well as marching band madness from Mighty Tiny.



Quack Attack! at Music in the Park

As part of our Music in the Park summer concert series, we delight in bringing diverse and unique acts to our community. This year we are proud to host Quack Attack!, a festival of music, art, nature and ducks! Quack Attack! will be held at Marvista Park on August 14th starting at 1:00 pm. Join us for some family friendly musical acts. Waffly Good Waffles, the King County Library2GO! van. art exhibitions and interactive arts and crafts. Don't forget free iced coffee from our local Starbucks and free iced tea from Normandy Perk! We hope to host community outreach groups that focus on our environment and the conservation of our parks, as well as vendors who will offer art, music and conservation related goodies for our neighbors to check out. Our concerts are ALWAYS free too!

Join the Arts Commission as we present the King County Library System's Adventures on the River with Elephant Umbrella. Environmental edu-tainers Lisa Taylor and Mike Gervais will take us on a magical boat ride to explore the natural and man-made wonders that are found along local streams, rivers and brooks. Sing songs and dance around as we discover the many things that call a waterway home.

After our musical journey with Elephant Umbrella, The MIGHTY TINY threesome brings its playful Banda style to an international repertoire of cultural and popular music, where time and distance are no barriers. Songs, stories, dances and whimsy from three centuries, six continents, and eight languages, orchestrated by Tuba- Clarinet- Percussion and Voices with Sing-a-long, Dance-a-long, Play-a-long as you please.

We are thrilled to be hosting a 'pop up' art show at Quack Attack! If you are an artist interested in exhibiting your work of a nature/park/duck inspired theme, please feel free to reach out to Commissioner Amber Nichol at amberraven@gmail.com. Coloring sheets that are featured in the City Scene Magazine will also be on display (for those who choose to turn them in at Normandy Perk Coffee) and we will have some fun arts and crafts activities.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor for Quack Attack!, or if you would like to vend at the event, please email Commissioner Amber Nichol at amberraven@gmail.com.







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30th Annual FOURTH of JULY COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Fun Run, Parade, Ice Cream Social & Much More

Festivities sponsored by the Normandy Park Community Club (the Cove) and the City of Normandy Park will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. <u>ALL</u> Normandy Park residents, their families and friends are invited to join these morning and early afternoon festivities.

The day begins at 10:25 a.m. with a 2.8K **Fun Run**, which is only as competitive as you make it. It's free, but you will need to contact the Cove Office to register in advance. The course is from Marvista Elementary to Marine View Drive & SW Normandy Terrace. Runners need to be at the starting area before the number pick up closes at 10:15 a.m.

At 10:30 a.m. the **Children's Parade** leaves the Marvista

parking lot. Everyone is welcome to join in, either from the start (be at Marvista no later than 10:15!) or from anywhere along the parade route, which ends at the Cove building. Classic cars, wagons, bicycles, strollers, marching bands, etc are encouraged to participate. Paint your face, decorate your car or bike, get out your flags; be festive! Please, however, no campaigning or political signs. The Normandy Park Arts Commission will once again offer children prizes for the best decorated bicycles.

Once everyone arrives at the Cove after the parade (at approximately 11:15 a.m.), free hot dogs, beverages and ice cream will be served. The field will be lined with the classic cars and, appropriately located away from the vintage autos, and there will be balloon animals and face painting! All of this will be accompanied by live patriotic music on the lawn.

We are always looking for additional volunteers to assist with activities. If you can help, please contact the Cove office ASAP. This event is a great opportunity to reconnect with friends and neighbors before going on your way to your own, private 4th of July celebration.









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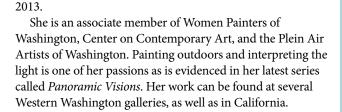
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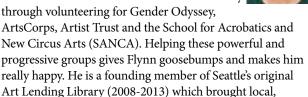
Meet your 2016 Normandy Park Arts Festival judges

Thank you to Commissioner Robert Frey for finding such talented and diverse judges for our Arts Festival!

BARBARA NOONAN is a professional visual artist and teacher working predominantly in soft pastels. Her definitive mark-making with rich saturated colors, reveal a confidence with the pigment and application in her 2D work. Recognized as a Signature Member in two pastel societies, Barbara has curated and juried competitions in Puget Sound and Oregon. Students take classes and workshops in Seattle and Orcas Island. "Distillations," a series of her work, was featured in The Pastel Journal, February



FLYNN BICKLEY is a Seattle based queer/ trans doll and mixed media artist and is a current member of the Gay City Arts Curating Council. For the last ten years, Flynn has been an active member of the Seattle arts community through volunteering for Gender Odyssey,



original artwork to regular folks around Seattle for free!

In 2015 Flynn received Artist Trust GAP (Grants for Artist Projects) funds for travelling to Pittsburgh to research the transgender doll artist Greer Lankton. In December, 2015, Flynn was featured in the monthly Fabric photo essay by Amanda Manitach and Miguel Edwards in CityArts online. Flynn spends as much time as possible in the studio and the rest of his time with his partner tending to their home in South Park, staring at chickens, gardening, biking and working at Second Use Building Materials-The Greatest Building Salvage Company in the Universe.

Arts corner Arts and Beyond!

by Arts Commissioner Amber Nichol

For over 20 years, the Normandy Park Arts Commission has been at your service, bringing to the folks of Normandy Park our annual Arts Festival, summer concerts, holiday presentations, and interactive art events for kids at various community events. Our group of volunteers has a diverse background in all kinds of art disciplines including theatre, design, dance, graphic arts and more. The Arts Commission uses their talents to enrich the community, providing fun and entertaining ways to immerse yourself in the arts. We are excited about some new opportunities to serve the community!

Developing relationships between municipal groups, local arts and culture organizations and community members has become one of the main goals of the commission this year. The Arts Commission is working with the Parks Commission in many aspects, one of which is to bring statue bases (also known as plinths) to the new gardens of Marvista Park. The Commission is also looking to develop a rotating art program similar to the displays in the City of Des Moines, as well as seeking space for murals and other art forms like carvings and statues throughout the city.

Working with other arts organizations in the community is a priority this year. A recent collaboration with High 5 Arts and Marvista Elementary allowed the Arts Commission to host a lively, successful Art Show and Reception at City Hall! This reception showed the artwork of 16 students, and most of the students were on hand to

talk about their artwork and the learning process. Talking with the public about their art provided student focus and self-confidence, and the Arts Commissioners even got a chance to explain municipal process and procedure during the reception. This is just one example of outreach and developing relationships within the community.

The Arts Commission is always looking for ways to improve, grow, and increase community pride. Our 2016 Arts Festival had a significant change with the youth gallery addition to the vendor room. This is just one of many changes that the Commission has in store for the community in the next year. 'Pop-up' art shows, art exhibits at the Music in the Park concerts, art camps and activities are just some of the exciting things on the horizon.

You are invited to come to one of the Arts Commission meetings, always held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Artists, volunteers, and community input are always welcome!

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Some of the artwork on display at City Hall by the students of High 5 Arts



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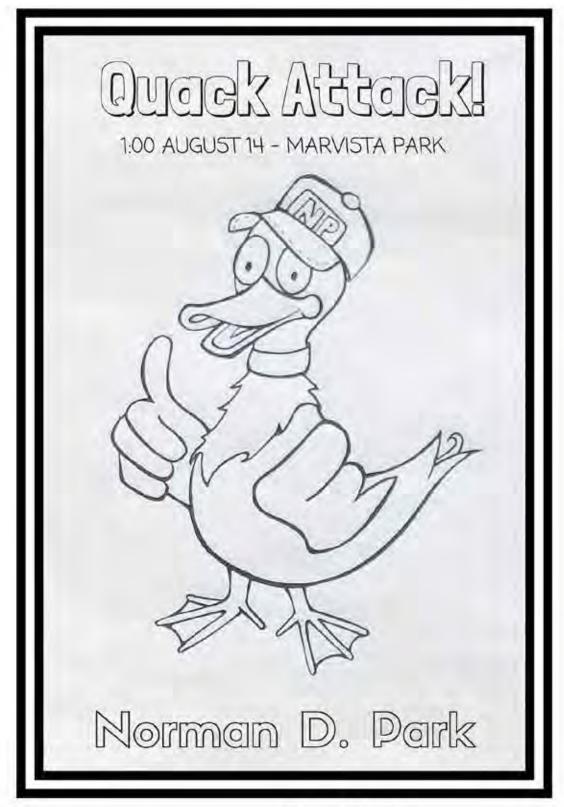
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